

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new heading immediately after the title on page 1:

--BACKGROUND--

Please add the following new heading immediately after the paragraph ending at page 2,
line 10:

--SUMMARY--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following new
paragraph:

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--According to one ~~a further independent~~ aspect, a cash handling machine can be caused by an operation external to the machine to be switched into a float mode in which cash can be inserted in the normal way into the machine but is then directed to one or more change stores without incrementing a credit count. Thus, it is possible to replenish the change stores without requiring internal access to the cash machine. Thus, a serviceman can leave cash with an on-site manager who can then replenish the change stores when this becomes necessary without compromising the security of the machine and without interfering with its normal operation. Cash handling machines often store audit data including details of the transactions carried out by the machine (see for example EP-A-18718 and EP-A-109758, which are incorporated herein by reference), and by having a separate float mode in which the credit count is not incremented, the audit data can be arranged to distinguish between normal transactions and those carried out during the float mode, the present invention enabling this to be achieved without requiring the presence of a serviceman.--

Please add the following new heading immediately after the paragraph ending at page 4,
line 9:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 with the following amended
paragraph:

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--Thus, at the time the service engineer arrives, the float operation will have been
completed with the possible exception that some of the change tubes 14 may require
replenishing. The serviceman can then unlock and open an access panel 36, and then remove
and empty the cashbox 18. A replenishing operation, possibly using coins from the cashbox 18,
can then be carried out in a similar manner to that described above. Then, the cashbox 18 is
replaced and the access panel 36 is re-locked. (Preferably, the on-site manager performs a
“float down” “float-up” operation, as described above, before the serviceman arrives, so the
serviceman does not need to perform the replenishing operation.)--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13 with the following amended
paragraph:

--The float down instruction could instead be produced in response to opening of the
access panel 36, which may be detected by a switch 38 coupled to the control board 20.--

Please replace page 10, line 1 with the following:

--What is claimed is: CLAIMS --

Please replace the abstract at page 14 with the following new abstract: